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Three Atlanta area UCC churches were represented at the Pride Parade October 31st, **Kirkwood UCC, Central Congregational UCC, and Virginia-Highland Church.** **Chris Glaser**, interim minister of Virginia-Highland also served as parade marshal.

Pleasant Hill Community UCC, TN, reported that they assembled and shipped nine clean up buckets for disaster relief, and **Holy Trinity Community UCC** reported that they had sent eight. These buckets are valued at \$60 each. Are there other congregations that have sent clean-up buckets in? Let us know by contacting Connie and Bob Waidmann at cbwaidphtn@frontiernet.net.

Eight women from the Women's Ministry of **Community Congregational UCC**, Montgomery, Alabama participated in the Women's Fall Retreat, October 2-4, held in Wetumpka, AL sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. The theme for this event was **"Knowing and Being Known: Deepening Your Connection with God"**. Rev. Diane Wood, Pastor of Village Christian Church in Auburn, AL, and Director of the Young Adult Ministries for the Region, served as resource leader and Keynote Speaker. Attending this event were **Dorinda Broadnax, Cheryl Jarman, Miriam Perry, Velinda Perry, Mollie Reed, Cynthia Stinson, and Pamela Thornton**. The Region gave three scholarships to these UCC women. This is a part of a continuing effort to promote ecumenical collaboration in programming among the UCC and DOC.

Randy Hammer, the UCC pastor of United Church of Oakridge, TN, a community church, has let us know that he and five other members of the United Church will join about 18 members of the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge in a medical mission trip to Nicaragua October 24-November 1. He notes that he will be wearing his UCC shirts and representing the UCC as a part of the trip. The group will be providing medical and dental care, vision tests and dispensing supplies.

Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga celebrated its 50th anniversary, September 27th. Former pastor David Beebe spoke for the event, and reminded Pilgrim of it's a unique role in Chattanooga as a liberal inclusive church. Beebe reminded the church that "the broad issues today are how to be faithful to Jesus, in justice issues, in care for this planet, in laboring for peace, in remembering that the God who came in Jesus Christ loves the whole world and walks among us."

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